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For: __METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPAIRMENT DIAGNOSIS IN COMMUNICATION__

__SYSTEMS__

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_____ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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Total Claims	*114	Minus	**20	94	X9	$18.00	X18	$1,692.
Indep. Claims	*18	Minus	***3	15	X40	$80.00	X80	$1,200.
	First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s)				+135	$	+270	$
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__X__ A check in the amount of $ 2,892.00 is attached for presentation of additional claim(s).

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_____ Applicant(s) hereby Petition(s) for an Extension of Time of _____ month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter this Preliminary Amendment and consider the following remarks, prior to the examination of the above referenced patent application.

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